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 Date of JD/LLB **May 19, 2024**
 Class Rank **I am not ranked**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **Federal Circuit Bar Journal**
 Moot Court Experience **No**

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/
 Externships **No**
 Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk **No**

Specialized Work Experience

Recommenders

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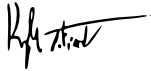
The Honorable David Steven Morales
United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
1133 North Shoreline Boulevard
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dear Judge Morales:

I am a rising third-year student at The George Washington University Law School seeking a clerkship in your chambers for the 2024–2025 Term. As a graduate of Texas Christian University, I would relish the opportunity to begin my legal practice in Texas. After the clerkship, I plan to pursue public service on behalf of the State.

My résumé, transcripts, and writing sample are enclosed. You will also see letters of recommendation from Professor Cheryl Kettler, Mr. Richard Samp, and Mr. Ryan Raybould. My law school does not rank students, but will provide cutoffs for honors distinctions at commencement. I hope you will please let me know if I may provide any additional information.

Respectfully,



Kyle Atwood

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Education

The George Washington University Law School Washington, D.C.

J.D., expected May 2024

GPA: 3.417 (Thurgood Marshall Scholar (Fall 2021))

Journal: Federal Circuit Bar Journal (*Executive Editor*)

Leadership: The Federalist Society (*President*); Street Law (*Mount Vernon Coordinator*)

Activities: Student Bar Association Mentorship Program; Student Ambassadors

Texas Christian University

Fort Worth, TX

B.A., *summa cum laude*, in Political Science, minor in Spanish, May 2021

Experience

The George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.

Constitutional Law II Teaching Assistant, forthcoming

Texas Public Policy Foundation, Center for the American Future, Austin, TX

Law Clerk, June 2023–August 2023

U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Washington, D.C.

Law Clerk, January 2023–April 2023

- Authored questions for oversight hearing with the Office of Personnel Management

U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Senator John Cornyn, Washington, D.C.

Law Clerk, September 2022–December 2022

- Proposed election legislation, summarized ongoing litigation, and analyzed bills

New Civil Liberties Alliance, Washington, D.C.

Law Clerk, May 2022–July 2022

- Strategized, edited briefs, and authored memoranda on administrative law and privacy
- Published a blog post on fact-finding deference to university admissions à la agencies

Champions Golf Training, Flower Mound, TX

Youth Sports Instructor, June 2021–July 2021

- Designed programs to improve campers' fundamentals and foster passion for golf

Additional Information

- Interests: billiards, 18th- to 19th-century history, swing-era jazz

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Applicant Education

BA/BS From	Dickinson College
Date of BA/BS	May 2016
JD/LLB From	Washington and Lee University School of Law
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Date of JD/LLB	May 10, 2024
Class Rank	50%
Law Review/Journal	Yes
Journal(s)	Washington and Lee Law Review
Moot Court Experience	Yes
Moot Court Name(s)	Davis Moot Court Competition

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/ Externships	Yes
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	No

Specialized Work Experience

Professional Organization

Organizations	Just the Beginning Organization
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June 14, 2023

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Dear Judge Morales:

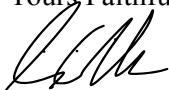
I am a second-year student at Washington and Lee University School of Law, and I write to apply for a clerkship position in your chambers after my graduation in 2024. I am excited about clerking for you in Texas, where I have family and plan to look for work after graduation.

I believe I offer a unique perspective and skillset that would be of true use to you in chambers. While I have frequently been fortunate in life, for example being brought out of extreme poverty in Colombia to a far better life in the United States, I have faced adversity. This is no truer than in the academic field. I was never someone to whom academic pursuits came easily, and in fact had to work incredibly hard to do modestly well. For that reason, I did not always consider clerking to be a viable opportunity I could or should pursue. I never let my initial struggles discourage me. I pride myself on taking ownership of my shortcomings, and then doing everything I can to learn from and improve on them. Having to put in real work to succeed has allowed to work most effectively in collaborative environments. Additionally, I find your example as a Hispanic judge to be inspiring. I have struggled at times as a Latino in the legal field, but I know your example as a mentor would be truly invaluable. This is especially true because of my dedication to being a career public servant. Since my time working at DOJ's Criminal Division, I have been inspired to serve the public through just and impartial enforcement of the law. I believe those qualities to be hallmarks of your jurisprudence, and that clerking in your chambers would continue to foster that desire to serve even more.

My perspective on clerking, and my research and writing abilities dramatically changed during my first summer internship when I worked for the Honorable Anthony J. Trenga at the Eastern District of Virginia in Alexandria. After becoming invested in clerking, I tailored my experience in law school to include similar experiences going forward. I further developed my research and writing skills through writing my Law Review note, which was selected for publication. Next year, I will be externing for the Honorable Joel Hoppe in the Western District of Virginia. While there, I will continue researching and writing, while increasing my familiarity with chambers. This summer, I am exercising those same skills for the DOJ.

I am confident I possess the requisite skills to be a successful clerk in your chambers. My several years of work at DOJ before law school grounded me in the real-world workforce. My time in law school has provided a series of experiences demonstrating I am a strong researcher and writer. And I hope the next step in this process will be as a member of your chambers by assisting you in chambers. Thank you very much for your consideration of my application.

Yours Faithfully,



Simon Ciccarillo

SIMON CICCARILLO

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EDUCATION

Washington and Lee University School of Law, Lexington, VA

Juris Doctor Candidate, May 2024 (Cum. GPA: 3.273, Spring 2023 GPA: 3.533)

- **Journal**: Lead Articles Editor, *Washington and Lee Law Review*
- **Publications**: *Scorched Earth: How Equal Footing Can Solve the Western Water Crisis*, Law Review Volume 81
- **Honors**: Member, Omicron Delta Kappa
- **Moot Court**: Quarterfinalist: Mock Trial Competition; Participant: Grey Negotiations Competition, Davis Moot Court Competition, Client Counseling Competition
- **Externship**: Judge Joel Hoppe, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia, Harrisonburg, VA
- **Activities**: Vice President: Federalist Society; Latin American Law Student Association; Christian Legal Society, International Law Society; Contributing Writer, The Law News; Volunteer, Blue Ridge Legal Services

Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA

Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, International Studies and Russian Studies, May 2016 (GPA: 3.52)

- **Honors**: Sigma Iota Rho National Honors Society; Dobro Slovo Slavic Studies National Honors Society
- **Internships**: U.S. Army War College, Department of National Security and Strategy; Safe Horizons, Department of Law and Government; Senate of Colombia, Juan Mario Laserna; Michalik, Bauer, Silvia & Ciccarillo LLP
- **Publications and Interviews**: Testigo Directo News Interviews (2021); *The Russia-Latin America Nexus: Realism in the 21st Century* (2016); *International Relations Between Russia and Latin America* (2016); *Diplomacy vs. Hostility in the Ukraine: Managing the Escalating Crisis* (2015); *The Future of U.S.-Russian Relations: Looking to Young Leaders to Bridge the Diplomatic Gap* (2014)
- **Study Abroad**: Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow

WORK EXPERIENCE

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, Commercial Litigation Section, Washington, D.C.

Office of Foreign Litigation Intern, May 2023 – August 2023

- Wrote memorandums on domestic and international law of the sea, property law, employment law, and service.
- Maintained and updated a Department-wide compendium and drafted policy for new international customary law.

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria, VA

Judicial Intern for the Honorable Anthony J. Trenga, May 2022 – July 2022

- Assisted with drafting orders and bench memoranda for a range of criminal and civil matters
- Observed criminal trials, hearings, and other court proceedings to note and research various legal issues

Washington and Lee University School of Law, Lexington, VA

Research Assistant for Professor Russell Miller, June 2022 – August 2023

- Drafted a 22-page memorandum on the development of the doctrine of primacy in EU law for book publication
- Researched using primary and secondary sources, Bluebook citations, and editing for articles

U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Fraud Section, Washington, D.C.

FCPA Unit Paralegal, September 2018 – June 2021

- Conducted research for and briefed prosecutors on discrete investigation details
- Prepared witnesses, interviews, evidence, trial materials, and coordinated discovery with opposing counsel
- Facilitated parallel investigations and support with agents from various federal agencies such as FBI, IRS, CFTC, SEC, as well as foreign prosecutors in matters of interest

Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy LLP, Washington, D.C.

Administrative Assistant and Paralegal, May 2017 – May 2018

- Drafted immigration casework and documentation for large domestic corporations
- Provided translation services for client matters, and for pro-bono immigration work at the U.S.-Mexico border
- Assisted with filings, managed administrative team for data entry, cleanup, and organization

LANGUAGES, CERTIFICATION, & INTERESTS

Languages: Spanish (fluent); Russian (proficient)

Certification: Public Trust Security Clearance

Interests: Latin Dance Instructor, Singing, Exploring Colombia and Russia, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Horseback Riding

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Applicant Education

BA/BS From **Scripps College**
 Date of BA/BS **May 2019**
 JD/LLB From **University of California, Davis School of Law (King Hall)**
http://www.nalplawschoolsonline.org/ndlsdir_search_results.asp?lscd=90502&yr=2011
 Date of JD/LLB **May 11, 2024**
 Class Rank **5%**
 Does the law school have a Law Review/Journal? **Yes**
 Law Review/Journal **No**
 Moot Court Experience **Yes**
 Moot Court Name(s) **Seigenthaler Sutherland First Amendment Competition**

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/Externships	Yes
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	No

Specialized Work Experience

Recommenders

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June 16, 2023

The Honorable David S. Morales
United States District Court
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Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Judge Morales:

I am a third-year student at the University of California, Davis Law School in the top five percent of my class. I write to apply for a 2024-2025 judicial clerkship with your chambers and am also interested in the 2025-2026 term.

I am currently a member of the UC Davis Law Moot Court Honors Board and a research assistant to Professor Peter Lee. This summer, I am working at Gibson Dunn & Crutcher. My interest in clerking sparked last summer during my externship for U.S. District Court Judge James Selna, where I had the opportunity to write court orders for civil cases. I look forward to learning more about the judiciary as a full-time extern for Ninth Circuit Judge Margaret McKeown this coming fall. I would be honored to continue learning and contribute to a collegial environment as a law clerk in your chambers.

Enclosed are my resume, transcripts, letters of recommendation, and writing sample. My letters of recommendation are from Justice Shama Mesiwala, Professor Christopher Elmendorf, Professor Aaron Tang, and Thomas Callahan. The Honorable James V. Selna of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California has agreed to serve as a reference. He can be reached at 714-338-2841. Michael Canzoneri, the Supervising Deputy Attorney General in the Office of the Attorney General, California Department of Justice, has also agreed to serve as a reference. He can be reached at 916-990-5902.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information. I can be reached by phone at 425-681-8058 or email at mldeutsch@ucdavis.edu. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



McKenzie Deutsch

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EDUCATION

UC DAVIS, SCHOOL OF LAW, Candidate for J.D., May 2024

GPA: 3.922; Class Rank: Top 5%

- Dean's Merit Scholarship (awarded on a competitive basis for academic achievement and other indicators of excellence)
- Academic Excellence Scholarship (awarded for outstanding academic record during first year of studies)
- Reynoso Academic Achievement Award for Constitutional Law (awarded for second highest class grade)
- Moot Court Honors Board, Spring Problem Writer & External Competition Team Member
- Neumiller Competition Winner (year-long Moot Court competition argued in front of panel of distinguished judges)
- Outstanding Oral Advocate Award (awarded for Appellate Advocacy Fall 2022 Competition)
- *Journal of International Law & Policy*, Research Editor and Blog Article ("Antitrust and Distrust: The U.S. and EU's Efforts to Reign in Big Tech")

SCRIPPS COLLEGE, B.A., *cum laude* in Politics with Honors, May 2019

- Dean's List (awarded for a semester GPA of 11.0/12.0 or better while taking 4+ courses), 7 semesters
- Thesis: *Losing Liberty? The State of Jefferson Movement*
- Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Track & Field, Varsity Athlete & Student Athletic Advisory Committee Representative

EXPERIENCE

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT, San Diego, California

Starting August 2023

Judicial Extern to Judge Margaret McKeown

GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER LLP, Irvine, California

May 2023 – Present

Summer Associate

- Works on legal assignments: assisted with oral argument preparation for class action and expert report for patent matter

U.S. DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, Santa Ana, California

June 2022 – Aug. 2022

Judicial Extern to Judge James V. Selna

- Wrote 6 orders on motions filed by parties in civil cases; conducted legal research and writing

UC DAVIS, SCHOOL OF LAW, Davis, California

Dec. 2021 – Present

Research Assistant

- For Professor Peter Lee: conducts legal research and writing on project related to intellectual property and AI
- For Professor Aaron Tang: conducted research on SCOTUS decisions' impact on children; proofread book on SCOTUS
- For Professor Karima Bennouna: reviewed citations and wrote summary on South Africa apartheid included in paper draft

CROWDSENSE.AI, Tel Aviv, Israel

Jan. 2020 – June 2020

Product & Strategy Intern

- Aided in training machine learning; jump-started marketing by creating case studies and conducting market research

JOHNSON GRAFFE KEAY MONIZ & WICK LLP, Seattle, WA

July 2019 – Aug. 2019

Legal Intern

- Reviewed discovery materials; prepared summaries of witness testimony; conducted research on opposing parties and experts

WASHINGTON POLICY CENTER, Seattle, WA

June 2018 – Aug. 2018

Development Apprentice

- Created informational materials for publication; planned events with high-profile speakers like Secretary of Defense

OFFICE OF CHAIRWOMAN MCMORRIS RODGERS, Washington, D.C.

June 2017 – Aug. 2017

Congressional Intern

- Researched and drafted letters to constituents on current legislation; attended policy briefings; gave tours of Capitol

INTERESTS & VOLUNTEERING

- Horseback Riding (Hunters & Polo); Running; Hiking; Soccer (UC Davis Rec Champion); Reading Non-Fiction

African Refugee Development Center, Tel Aviv, Israel

Jan. 2020 – June 2020

- *Tutor*: Tutored adult refugee from Eritrea in English

Uncommon Good, Claremont, CA

Nov. 2016 – Jan. 2019

- *Tutor & Mentor*: Mentored and tutored low-income middle school student in English and math

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Applicant Education

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Date of BA/BS	May 2019
JD/LLB From	Harvard Law School
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Date of JD/LLB	May 15, 2024
Class Rank	School does not rank
Law Review/Journal	Yes
Journal(s)	International Law Journal
Moot Court Experience	Yes
Moot Court Name(s)	Ames Moot Court

Bar Admission**Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/Externships	No
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	No

Specialized Work Experience

Recommenders

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June 13, 2023

The Honorable David Steven Morales
United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
United States Courthouse
1133 North Shoreline Boulevard, Room 320
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Judge Morales:

I am a rising third-year student at Harvard Law School writing to apply for your next available clerkship position after I graduate in 2024. Although originally from Missouri, I have spent significant time in Texas. Most recently, I spent time working in Austin through the Capital Punishment Clinic, and I will return to Houston this summer. After living in the Northeast for nearly eight years, my time in Texas reminded me of home and I am excited about the prospect of putting down roots in the area.

Enclosed are my resume, transcripts, and writing sample. The following professors will submit letters of recommendation under separate cover and welcome inquiries in the meantime:

Noah Feldman	Michael Klarman	Maureen Brady
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617-495-9140	617-496-2050	617-384-0099

I have sharpened my skills in legal research, analysis, and writing in several academic and professional settings which are outlined on my resume. Across these experiences, I have developed a special pride in my situational awareness and attention to detail. Living with a severe visual impairment for most of my life has given me a unique appreciation for the value of increased awareness, and I work hard to guarantee that my work reflects a great deal of care and awareness so that it can serve both my clients and the broader community at the highest level. In addition to my strong work ethic and attention to detail, I have an excellent aptitude for collaborative and team-oriented work. Through my work in athletic and academic competition, I understand that the whole is always greater than the sum of its parts. I would relish the opportunity to apply my collaborative skills in your chambers.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to let me know. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Parker Ferguson
Parker Ferguson
Enclosures

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EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, MA

Candidate for Juris Doctor, May 2024

Honors: Dean's Scholar Prize in Power: Ethics, Means, Ends

Activities: Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project, Student Attorney
Capital Punishment Clinic, Sween Law
Teaching Fellow: Property (Fall 2022), Criminal Law (Spring 2023)
Harvard International Law Journal, Submissions Editor

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE, Middlebury, VT

Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, in Political Science, May 2019

Thesis: *Liberty and Tradition: An Exploration of Substantive Due Process and Fundamental Rights*

Honors: Academic All-Conference, NFF Hampshire Honor Society (College Football Academic Honors)
College Scholar

Study Abroad: Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Madrid, Spain, Spring 2018 (full language immersion)

Activities: Varsity Football, Pride Group Leader
Junior Varsity and Intramural Hockey, Team Captain

EXPERIENCE

SUSMAN GODFREY LLP, Houston, TX

Summer Associate, July 2023 – August 2023

CRAVATH, SWAINE & MOORE LLP, New York, NY

Summer Associate, May 2023 – July 2023

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, MA

Research Assistant to Professor Michael Klarman, June 2022 – Present

Summarized constitutional jurisprudence and scholarship for students in Constitutional Law course. Researching history of race and sports for forthcoming project.

Research Assistant to Professor Christopher Lewis, September 2022 – November 2022

Provided line edits and substantive research for forthcoming philosophy article on racial justice.

TENNESSEE OFFICE OF THE POST-CONVICTION DEFENDER, Nashville, TN

Legal Intern, May 2022 – August 2022

Wrote memoranda and briefs on prosecutorial misconduct, ineffective assistance of counsel, and other constitutional claims for indigent death-row inmates in state collateral proceedings.

SULLIVAN & CROMWELL LLP, New York, NY

Litigation Paralegal, July 2019 – June 2021

Prepared key documents for court filings, client interviews, depositions, and government presentations in complex civil, securities and white-collar matters. Conducted factual investigation, research, and preliminary document review in preparation for bail hearings, proffer sessions, and sentencing proceedings in federal criminal court.

VOLUNTEER

SOUTH BRONX UNITED SOCCER, Bronx, NY, *Head Coach – Boys U8*, September 2019 – May 2021

READ AHEAD, *Literacy Promotion Mentor*, September 2015 – May 2021

PERSONAL

Spanish (fluent). Interested in literacy promotion, alpine skiing, NHL hockey, and personal fitness/wellness.

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 Date of BA/BS **May 2020**
 JD/LLB From **Southwestern Law School**
<http://www.swlaw.edu>
 Date of JD/LLB **May 30, 2024**
 Class Rank **20%**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **Southwestern Law Review**
 Moot Court Experience **Yes**
 Moot Court Name(s) **Southwestern Moot Court Honors Program**

Bar Admission**Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/
 Externships **Yes**

Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk **No**

Specialized Work Experience

Recommenders

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June 15, 2023

The Honorable David S. Morales
 U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
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 Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dear Judge Morales:

I write to apply for a clerkship in your chambers beginning in 2024 or your next available term. I am a rising third-year student at Southwestern Law School and seek to continue refining my legal writing and analysis skills post-graduation to become an exceptional civil litigator. I would highly value your mentorship and the in-depth motion practice experience I would gain working in your chambers. My experiences in Law Review, Moot Court, and multiple judicial externships, affirm my confidence that I have the writing skills, attention to detail, and knowledge of the federal and state court systems to be an asset in your chambers.

My judicial externships have solidified my interest in pursuing a clerkship and hint that I am capable of succeeding as a chamber clerk. While externing in state and federal court, I gained a deeper understanding of both court systems, the consequences my decisions have on a case, and the challenges of balancing a full docket. Working under the guidance of numerous judges and clerks allowed me to learn about different writing styles and how to successfully implement feedback by synthesizing different writing styles with my own. I refined my analytic skills while working diligently to inherit new assignments and will bring that same work ethic to your chambers.

I am prepared to clerk upon graduation because of my ability to juggle multiple honors programs and extracurricular obligations while maintaining a strong academic record. As a staffer on the *Southwestern Law Review*, my peers selected me to serve as the Senior Lead Articles Editor—a team leader and primary point of contact for all *Bluebook*-related issues. On Moot Court, I honed my writing skills and advocacy skills and learned how to critically think through complex legal issues. Just as I made a lasting impact on these programs, I am certain I will do the same in your chambers.

Enclosed are my resume, writing sample, and law school and undergraduate transcripts. The following individuals have agreed to serve as my references:


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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,


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Enclosures

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EDUCATION

Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, California

Juris Doctor Candidate,

May 2024

Class Rank: Top 20%

Honors: *Senior Lead Articles Editor (2023–2024) and Staffer (2022–2023), Southwestern Law Review*
Oralist, Southwestern Moot Court Honors Program
Best Brief, Robert F. Wagner Sr. National Labor and Employment Law Moot Court
Competition, March 2023

Activities: *Best Brief Writer Finalist, 1L Moot Court Intramural Competition*
Oral Advocacy Semi-Finalist, 1L Moot Court Intramural Competition
Recipient, Southwestern Top Grade Award, Legal Analysis and Writing Skills II
Dean's Fellow, Academic Success and Bar Preparation
Dean, Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity
Co-Founder, First Generation Law Student Association
Member, Latino Law Students Association

California State University, Fullerton, Fullerton, California

Bachelor of Arts, English; Minor, Philosophy

May 2020

EXPERIENCE

Haight, Brown & Bonesteel, LLP, Los Angeles, California

Commencing May 2023

Summer Associate

- Will provide general litigation support for attorneys by reviewing and summarizing pleadings and discovery, researching and drafting motions, attending hearings, and communicating with clients and opposing counsel.

United States District Court, Central District of California, Los Angeles, California

January 2023–April 2023

Judicial Extern for the Honorable Dolly M. Gee

- Reviewed pleadings and researched federal and state law issues; de-briefed oral arguments with Judge Gee after hearings; discussed research, analysis, and proposed rulings with supervising law clerks; drafted memoranda on motions to dismiss, transfer, remand, and for leave to amend in civil cases.

Orange County Superior Court, Santa Ana, California

June 2022–July 2022

Judicial Extern for the Honorable James Crandall

- Reviewed pleadings and researched state law issues; de-briefed oral argument after law and motion hearings; drafted minute orders on demurrers, motions to compel arbitration, and summary judgment.

Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, California

Law Clerk, Ninth Circuit Appellate Litigation Clinic

August 2023–May 2024

- Will prepare an opening brief, reply brief, and oral argument for an immigration appeal before the Ninth Circuit.

Research Assistant, Professor Alexandra D'Italia

May 2023–September 2024

- Research First Amendment issues to prepare and draft new Mock Supreme Court course.

Teaching Assistant, Professor Dennis Yokoyama (Civil Procedure I & II)

August 2022–May 2024

- Correct technological mishaps during class and hosted office hours to answer student questions regarding outlining, organizing exam answers, and studying for final exams.

Teaching Assistant, Professor Della Thompson-Bell (Legal Writing I and II)

August 2022–May 2023

- Conducted legal writing workshops pertaining to the organization and presentation of legal arguments for objective memoranda and appellate briefs.

INTERESTS

- Restorative Yoga, Quentin Tarantino Films, Professional Sports (Basketball, Baseball, and Football)

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School of Law
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 Date of JD/LLB **May 10, 2024**
 Class Rank **School does not rank**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **California Law Review**
 Moot Court Experience **No**

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/
 Externships **Yes**

Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk **No**

Specialized Work Experience

Specialized Work Experience **Immigration**

Recommenders

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This applicant has certified that all data entered in this profile and any application documents are true and correct.

June 17, 2023

The Honorable David Morales
United States Courthouse
1133 North Shoreline Boulevard, Room 320
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dear Judge Morales:

I am a third-year law student at Berkeley Law, currently serving as the Managing Editor at the *California Law Review*. I am writing to apply for the 2024-2025 clerkship term. Born and raised in Austin, Texas, and having completed my bachelor's degree at Trinity University in San Antonio, I look forward to returning to Texas upon graduation. My ultimate goal is to pursue a career as a law professor, and I believe that a clerkship opportunity in your chambers would provide invaluable experience and contribute significantly to my professional journey.

As a joint JD/PhD student with academic and professional experience in the areas of law, economics, and immigration, I believe I possess the interdisciplinary background needed to understand much of the subject matter covered by your chambers. My graduate studies have focused extensively on exploring the intricate connections between immigration law, the administrative state, and the criminal justice system. This focus has allowed me to refine my research and analytical thinking abilities, which will contribute to my effectiveness as a judicial clerk.

Throughout my time in law school, I have diligently cultivated my legal writing and critical thinking skills while gaining exposure to diverse areas of the law. Notably, in my 1L summer, I had the privilege of externing for Magistrate Judge Song Quiroga in the Southern District of Texas in Laredo, one of the nation's busiest federal courts. During this externship, I was entrusted with drafting orders for both criminal and civil cases. I handled various criminal matters, including bond and revocation orders, and addressed discovery issues in civil cases. This hands-on experience solidified my desire to work as a clerk for a district judge, as I became captivated by the trial-level cases and evidentiary challenges that district courts handle on a daily basis.

In the fall, I took criminal procedure and interned at the East Bay Community Law Center's (EBCLC) immigration clinic, where I drafted and prepared applications for immigration relief for multiple clients. Additionally, in the past semester, I delved deeper into specialized areas of knowledge by taking courses in immigration law and administrative law, along with participating in an asylum law practicum. Looking ahead, I am excited to extern at the Executive Office of Immigration Review's (EOIR) San Francisco immigration court in the upcoming fall semester, where I will continue to develop my skills in drafting legal documents and researching case law. I believe that these substantive courses and hands-on experiences in specialized fields will bring a diverse range of perspectives to your chambers, fostering insightful discussions and facilitating the timely resolution of matters before the court.

If offered this opportunity, I am confident that my drive, experiences, and skills will allow me to meaningfully contribute to your chambers. My resume, transcripts, writing sample, and letters of recommendation from Professor Michelle Cole (michellecole@berkeley.edu), Judge Diana Song Quiroga (Diana_Song_Quiroga@txs.uscourts.gov) and Clinical Supervisor Abigail Rich (arich@ebclc.org) are included with this application. If you need anything else, please reach me at zsalazar2019@berkeley.edu or 512-299-7294. I would enjoy the opportunity to speak with you to further discuss my experiences and motivation for joining your chambers. Thank you for your time and consideration of my application materials.

Sincerely,

Zabdi Salazar

ZABDI SALAZAR

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law

J.D.-Ph.D., Jurisprudence and Social Policy (JSP) Candidate, May 2026

Field Examinations: Public Law (Jun 2021); Immigration Law and the Administrative State (expected Aug 2023)

Honors: Berkeley Law Dean's Fellowship, BCLB Scholar, Chancellor's Fellowship for Graduate Study

Activities: La Alianza (Member); LSGA (President); *California Law Review* (Vol. 112 Managing Editor)

Trinity University, San Antonio, TX

B.A., *summa cum laude*, in Political Science and Business Administration, May 2019 (Minors in Spanish and Economics)

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Gamma Sigma, University Scholar (top 15 students in class)

Activities: Pre-Law Society (President); Debate Team (Treasurer)

EXPERIENCE

Berkeley Law: Asylum Law Practicum, Berkeley, CA

Law Student Intern

Jan 2023–May 2023

Prepared an asylum application for an Afghan family under the supervision of attorneys from Jewish Family & Community Services East Bay (JFCS). Worked closely with the client, conducting multiple meetings to draft a declaration. Collected personal evidence and compiled detailed country reports. Crafted a persuasive letter brief to strengthen the application.

East Bay Community Law Center: Immigration Clinic, Berkeley, CA

Law Student Intern

Aug 2022–Dec 2022

Conducted general consultations with English and Spanish speaking clients about their immigration related legal issues. Prepared legal documents for DACA renewal, DACA advance parole, and family-based petitions. Revised and updated an asylum declaration. Drafted a political asylum brief. Observed immigration court hearings.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Diana Song Quiroga, Laredo, TX

Judicial Extern

Jun 2022–Jul 2022

Wrote legal memos on policy changes impacting cases, e.g., alternatives to detention, U-visa certification rules, and hearsay law in revocation hearings. Drafted a bond and a revocation order. Revised responses to civil motions to compel discovery and a motion to quash and for protective order. Assisted in drafting model rules on court performance standards. Observed daily hearings.

Al Otro Lado, San Ysidro, CA

Student Advocate

Feb 2022–Apr 2022

Assisted attorney in revising and editing legal documents, including asylum legal briefs and client declarations. Worked directly with Spanish-speaking clients to draft declarations and prepared a humanitarian parole application.

Legal Studies Department, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Graduate Student Instructor

Aug 2020–May 2021

Planned and delivered lessons for weekly undergraduate discussion sections for two courses: Immigration & Citizenship and Membership & Migration - Empirical and Normative Perspectives. Graded assignments, research papers, and exams. Held weekly office hours and review sessions.

The Contemporary (Student-run digital startup publication), San Antonio, TX

Director of Business Operations

Feb 2016–May 2019

Developed partnerships with 21+ universities, publications, and local news and advocacy organizations. Planned and executed the organization's first fundraising campaign, raising \$5,000 in one month. Organized and led a civic engagement symposium by inviting a panel of thought leaders to speak on bridging political polarization. Wrote and published op-eds and investigative reports on free speech, immigration, and civic engagement.

SKILLS

Software: R Studio (Advanced), Adobe Photoshop CS4 (Intermediate), SQL (Intermediate)

Language: Spanish (Advanced speaker, writer, and reader), French (Intermediate speaker, writer, and reader)

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 Date of BA/BS **December 2017**
 JD/LLB From **South Texas College of Law**
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 Date of JD/LLB **May 15, 2024**
 Class Rank **15%**
 Law Review/
 Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **STCL Law Review**
 Moot Court
 Experience **No**

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/Externships	Yes
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	No

Specialized Work Experience

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The Honorable David Morales
1133 N. Shoreline Blvd
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Judge Morales,

I am a rising third-year law student at South Texas College of Law Houston (STCL), with three years of professional experience in the construction industry, seeking a clerkship for the 2024-2026 term. I would like to clerk for you due to your experience as a litigator for the state of Texas and now as a judge. I was born and raised in Houston and have spent most of my life traveling around Texas visiting friends or family. While I currently have few ties to Corpus Christi itself, I spent time there as a child with my family and visited more recently during my previous career for projects. After clerking, my intent is to pursue a career in complex commercial litigation in Texas, most likely in Houston.

Prior to Law School, after spending a period of time in both sales and operations, my career culminated in becoming a Project Manager. In this role I oversaw projects simultaneously across the country. This included monitoring project finances, allocating resources, as well as coordinating fabrication and installation. Attention to detail was crucial in all phases of these projects, from reviewing specifications and engineering drawings to planning installations and logistics. This was accompanied by the need to be able to adapt and overcome obstacles by working with my team.

Last summer I had the privilege to intern with Justice Wise at the Fourteenth Court of Appeals in Houston, Texas. I honed my legal research and writing skills by working with the staff attorneys on various memorandums. Additionally, I reviewed appellate briefs prior to oral arguments and then had the opportunity to discuss the cases with the justices. Through this I gained valuable insight into analyzing the law and also the standard to strive towards as an attorney.

While in the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M I was instilled with the value of community and serving that community. As a result, I am currently a member of the Breeders Greeters Houston Rodeo Committee, in which I help move livestock in and out of the livestock show as a volunteer. I am also a part of various student organizations at STCL, which has resulted in becoming both an Articles Editor on our law review editorial board and a STCL representative with the Texas Aggie Bar Association, for this upcoming year. I believe I could learn from your experience as a litigator and judge while also having the opportunity to serve my community.

This summer I am splitting my time as an intern. First, at Thompson Coe in civil litigation, followed by interning for Justice Lehrmann at the Texas Supreme Court. I believe this combined with my prior experience will enable me to contribute meaningfully to your chambers as a clerk.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and consider my application. I have included references with my resume, in my application, in addition to my letters of recommendation.

Respectfully,

Gabriel R. Segovia

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EDUCATION

South Texas College of Law Houston, Houston Texas

May 2024

Doctor of Jurisprudence Candidate

GPA: 3.661 **Rank:** Top 15%

Honors: Presidential Fellows Fall 2021; Dean's Honor List Fall 2021, Fall 2023

Cali Award (highest grade): *Property II*

Journal: South Texas Law Review, *Articles Editor 2023-2024; Assistant Managing Editor Spring 2023*

Activities: Dean's Advisory Board, *Member*; Aggie Law Student Association, *VP Socials & Community Service*; Federalist Society, *Member*; Student Bar Association *1L Representative 2021-2022*

Texas A&M University, College Station Texas

December 2017

Bachelor of Science, Industrial Distribution

GPA: 3.186

Activities: Corps of Cadets, *Artillery Officer for Parson's Mounted Cavalry*; Texas A&M Men's Water Polo *Coach*; Professional Association of Industrial Distribution, *Member*; Sigma Delta Honor Society, *Member*

LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

14th Court of Appeals, Justice Ken Wise | *Intern*, Houston Texas

Half Summer 2022

- Reviewed appellate briefs prior to oral arguments, focused on spotting issues and comparing analysis by the parties.
- Observed oral arguments at the 1st and 14th Courts of Appeals and docket in the District Courts
- Discussed cases with the justices concerning the approaches by the attorneys, legal issues, analysis of the cases and applicable law
- Wrote legal memorandums which were used in the drafting of an opinion

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WORK EXPERIENCE

Flexible Lifeline Systems | Houston Texas

May 2019 – June 2021

Project Manager (November 2020 – June 2021)

- Engineering site visits which entailed consulting clients about their concerns and needs, took measurements, and performed preliminary analysis for potential issues and solutions regarding the design, installation, and eventual use of the systems
- Planned and supervised installations with teams involving logistics and adapting systems where novel issues presented themselves
- Monitored Key Performance Indicators and project finances through all project phases, including billable hours

Project Coordinator (September 2019 – November 2020)

- Coordinated workflow between company departments and tracking stages of each project
- Processed and organized project files, meeting notes, engineering drawings and their annotations

Inside Sales Manager (May 2019 – September 2019)

- Responsible for product sales and support for territory managers providing explanations for clients to address specification concerns for their projects
- Filed product orders ensuring that they met specifications and needs of the customer

Ferguson HVAC | *Technical Inside Sales*, Charlotte N.C., and Houston Texas

February 2018 – March 2019

- Provided technical sales support, which involved the spotting and resolving inconsistencies in orders and client systems when components did not meet specifications

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & INTERESTS

- Texas A&M Bar Association (TABA), *Member* Fall 2022 – Present
- Breeders and Greeters Houston Rodeo Committee Volunteer, *Shift Captain* Fall 2018 – Present
- Slacker Pit, Houston Rodeo BBQ Cook Off Team, *Member* Fall 2019 – Present
- Reading: nonfiction particularly history
- Outdoors: hunting, fishing, horsemanship, skiing
- Violin since the age of four

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Eric Menn:
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 JD/LLB From **Texas Tech University School of Law**
http://www.nalplawsonline.org/ndlsdir_search_results.asp?lscd=74408&yr=2011
 Date of JD/LLB **May 5, 2024**
 Class Rank **15%**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **Texas Tech Law Review**
 Moot Court Experience **Yes**
 Moot Court Name(s) **Frank A. Schreck Gaming Law Moot Court Competition**
Leroy Hassell National Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/ Externships **No**
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk **No**

Specialized Work Experience

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June 5th, 2023

The Honorable David Morales

United States District Court, Southern District of Texas
1133 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Judge Morales:

I am an incoming third-year law student at the Texas Tech University School of Law. I am writing to apply for a judicial clerkship in your chambers for the 2024–2025 term. I am applying to your chambers specifically because I would like to continue to grow and contribute my legal skills in Corpus Christi. Growing up just outside of Houston and having family near Corpus Christi, I wish to start my legal career in a city I spent numerous summers on the beach and watching the Corpus Christi Hooks play baseball. I am confident that my academic accomplishments, writing skills, and experiences will enable me to contribute substantively as your judicial clerk.

A passion for advocacy is essential to succeeding as a law clerk. At Texas Tech, I have continuously excelled in moot court advocacy competitions tailored toward a federal clerkship. Last fall, I was chosen as an oral advocate and brief writer for Texas Tech’s nationally ranked moot court traveling team. My partners and I earned the second-highest brief and advanced to the national championship round at the Leroy Hassell National Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition. The competition featured twenty-eight other law schools and was judged by numerous federal district court judges from the Eastern District of Virginia. This opportunity taught me crucial lessons in time management, succinct organization, working as a team in an appellate environment, and persuasion in front of a judicial audience. Because of my dedication and experience in this scope, I was nominated by Texas Tech Law’s Board of Barristers to serve as the Director of Written Appellate Advocacy for the 2023–2024 year.

Further, throughout law school, I have sought out and constantly excelled in academics, legal research, and writing. Importantly, I have excelled in a course load tailored toward a federal district court clerkship. Out of 146 students, I am currently ranked twentieth in my class and have earned high grades in classes like Evidence, Trial Advocacy, Appellate Advocacy, and Business Entities. This year, I am taking Federal Courts hopefully to bolster my understanding and knowledge of the federal-legal system. Beyond my academic accomplishments, my writing has led me to success in my time as a member for the Texas Tech Law Review. Most recently, my student article, *Deplatforming Censorship: How Texas Constitutionally Barred Social Media Platform Censorship*, was selected for internal publication for Texas Tech Law Review’s spring issue. This article focuses on whether social media platforms’ censorship efforts are protected by the First Amendment—a topic currently on the cutting-edge of an intersection between constitutional law and modern technology. Throughout the writing process, I navigated decades of Supreme Court precedent and produced a thorough, neutral answer to the differing circuit opinions—skills that provide me a good foundation for excelling in your chambers for the various issues that come before your bench. These qualities enabled me to successfully run for and be selected as Lead Articles Editor for Volume 56 of the Texas Tech Law Review for the 2023–2024 year, as well as receiving the W. L. Penn Award, awarded to the student comment that most effectively summarizes and addresses an important constitutional law issue. I believe these qualities and experiences have prepared me to excel as a judicial clerk in your chambers.

I have included my resume, writing sample, unofficial transcript, and letters of recommendation. I welcome the opportunity to interview with you, and I appreciate your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



Christian M. Shaffer

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EDUCATION:

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Lubbock, Texas

Candidate for Doctor of Jurisprudence

Expected Graduation: May 2024

GPA: 3.61 | Class Rank: 20 of 146

- LAW REVIEW: Lead Articles Editor, *Volume 56* TEXAS TECH LAW REVIEW
Staff Member, *Volume 55* TEXAS TECH LAW REVIEW
- ADVOCACY: Director of Written Appellate Advocacy, TEXAS TECH BOARD OF BARRISTERS
National Finalist (Oralist); Leroy Hassell Constitutional Law National Moot Court Competition
Finalist (Oralist); Texas Tech 1L Moot Court Competition
Oralist; Frank A. Schreck Gaming Law National Moot Court Competition
Quarterfinalist; Texas Tech 1L Mock Trial Competition
Quarterfinalist; Texas Tech Advanced Negotiations Competition
- AWARDS: The 2023 W.L. Penn Award (Highest Quality Law Review Article out of 28 Submissions on a "Complex Topic")
The 2023 Dean Darby Dickerson Award (Top Write-On Grade for Law Review Membership Competition)
Top Grade Awards: Appellate Advocacy; Trial Advocacy
Academic Distinction (second-highest grade) Awards: Business Entities; Evidence

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, Pullman, Washington

August 2018 – May 2021

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Pre-Law Philosophy and Political Science

- HONORS: Senior of the Year, *College of Arts & Sciences*: Philosophy, 2020–2021
Kirk Schulz President's Award, 2021 (Awarded to top-30 Seniors exemplifying advocacy on campus)
National Residence Hall Honorary Advocate of the Year, 2019–2020
The PACURH Silver-Pin Award (Top West Coast Advocate demonstrating substantive change on their campus)
- ACTIVITIES: Washington State University Residence Hall Association, President
Department of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs, Research Assistant
Regional Leadership Conference Chair, Pacific Affiliated Colleges and University Residence Halls

PUBLICATIONS:

Deplatforming Censorship: How Texas Constitutionally Barred Social Media Platform Censorship, 55 TEX. TECH L. REV. (forthcoming summer 2023).

EXPERIENCE:

THE LANIER LAW FIRM, Houston, Texas

July 2023 – August 2023

- (Incoming Law Clerk)

PADFIELD & STOUT LLP, Fort Worth, Texas

May 2023 – July 2023

Summer Law Clerk

- Drafted various motions on an array of matters under Texas and federal law including Motions for Summary Judgment, Reconsideration, Severance, and other related pre- and post-judgment motions. Balanced research and substantive document drafting for a matter mixing Texas contractual claims and dozens of defendant's alleged violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. Prepared presentations for CLE conferences focused on merchant-cash advancement agreements legality under Texas Usury and bankruptcy laws.

RAPP & KROCK PC, Houston, Texas

June 2022 – August 2022

Summer Law Clerk

- Drafted research memorandums on a variety of complex substantive and procedural matters and contributed to writing numerous legal documents such as demand letters, petitions, motions for attorney's fees. Assisted in preparation for depositions, hearings, and trials with various commercial litigation attorneys. Summarized case law to use as examples in trial and appellate procedures in the commercial litigation department.

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY HOUSING DEPARTMENT, Pullman, Washington

August 2019 – June 2021

Executive President, Residence Hall Association

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- Organized weekly council meetings for an organization with 5,800 affiliated members to cover funding proposals, guest lectures, and leadership development seminars by other executive board members. Authored action plans with the President of the University's administration for safety measures involving housing units during the Washington State COVID-19 lockdown.

RAPP AND KROCK PC, Houston, Texas

May 2019 – August 2019

Litigation Department, Legal Intern

- Developed research portfolios for various case hearings in multiple facets of corporate litigation and bankruptcy matters. Compiled legal exhibit binders and trial materials for depositions. Successfully converted excel data and client information into firm's CenterBase system and other computer software systems.

INTERESTS:

- Italian Cooking, Mountain & Canyon Hiking (Mount Rainier National Park (WA), Rocky Mountain National Park (CO), & Santa Elena Canyon (TX)), and Watching Houston Astros Baseball.